

# FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York Money. New York, Dec. 27. Money on call easy at 505 per cent; last lost k closing at 505. 6 closting at Most. Prime mercantile paper 65/15c. Sterling exchange dulf but stendy at \$1.875 for larty-day bills, and \$4.855 for demand. The total sales of \$6000s today were 254,561 shares. hicago & Allon Sicago, Burlington & Quincy at Kawanta eritmenern... en Vorktentral

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe.

Chicago Grain and Produce CHICAGO, Dec. 21.-All the markets on Change opened with a bullish turn after the three days' vacation. The holiday movement of stuff was very light and English cables were very strong. Light receipts of hogs today made pork very

May wheat opened at 84 c and imme dintely advanced to S5c, against a close of Friday at 84 %.

May corn started at 54c, against Friday's close at 53500.54c.

May pork opened higher at \$15.50. The market held very firm and the range after the first opening at Saige was between Stille and Siblica Solice for May wheat. Tom's head into smithercens. May corn ranged between 2002-24 be the the end of the hour. May pork kept between 815.45 and 815.55, but was rather steady at \$15.50, the greater part of the time. On heavy outside buying, May wheat then went to Svec, but when the visible supply statement was given our, it eased off to 85 jr. May corn at this had grown to manhood. I was standing time touched 8450. May pork advanced on a pile of lumber, busily engaged in time touched 845,c. May peck advanced to 815.65 by 12:00 o'clock, and May lard which opened unchanged at \$8,10 and had egood off to \$8.07 and \$8.10, advanced to 88 17 ... There was shorn bidding for nork just before the 1 o'clock close and prices were run up very quickly. May perk advanced to \$15.57 and closed at \$15.75. Wheat and even advanced in sympathy. The leading to ares ranged as follow

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AUTHENOUS BRAICH. WHEAT Firm and to highe . CORN Firm and to benefit. OATS to better.

SHEEP travelet, 200 shipments, 2,50, Mar-ket firm Fair to above 2 1 let 25

## CARELESS WITH A GUN.

A SENSIBLE MAN NEVER FOOLS WITH FIREARMS "NOT LOADED."

Story of the Boy with an Empty Shotgun-A Lesson for Life-Another Illustration of Criminal Carelessness-The Only Safe Way.

Never handle firearms carelessly. used to do it, but of late years it makes më boll to have anybody noint a gun or pistol toward me. Two events in my life have done more to inspire within me a wholesome respect for firearms than anytiding else that ever happened to me.

When I was about 15 years old I borrayed a shotgun of a chuin.
"Is it loaded?" was the first question I

"No," was the reply, and I, like a

On the way home with it I met another oy, who began dedging behind the simde of course, must do my part of the tragedy, an cocking the gun. I began to skulk too, until, when we finally met, to show that he was plainly in my power, I put the muzzle of the gunup close to his nose and pulled the trigger.

I thought no more of the circumstance notil evening, when I began cleaning the gun, and found that it was clogged up to up, I placed it on the nipple, and, going to the from door, pulled the trigger, and away she went, with a report that awoke the leaves of a cherry tree near by as full

Then I thought of Tem, into whose face I had snapped the gun. The fact that the cap had become damp alone prevented the gun from being discharged and blowing

highest price being touched along toward be filled a drunkard's grave at an early blighted if, through my boyish careless-ness, he had been killed. I vowed a vow at that time mover to be careless with fire-

ANOTHER ENCIDENT: 2 One more excumstance occurred after I measuring lumber, when, hearing a "click" behind me. I turned, and there conarely at my head and sighting along only six feet from my head, and he had just snapped it at me. He was a man 50 years old, and, under the first angry im-

pulse that came over me, said:
"You old fool, you ought to know better than to snap a gen at a fellow's head in that careless way "
"Aw, psinw!" said he, "it isn't

"How do you know that?" "Because it has been lying around my boat for more than six months, and I

"That's just the reason you don't know anything about it," said L. Wall, now, you're making such a fusa about it. I'm going to get a cap and show

Here, hold the gun till I come While he was gone I ran the ramrod down the barrel and found that it was

When he returned with a cap I removed one. Pointing the gan upward I pulled the trigger and a report followed, the re-coil from which nearly knocked me off the bumber pile and raised the boatman's bair

What do you think now?" I asked. I shall point a gun at anybody if I live 100

A damp cap alone saved me that time, and though I should not have been to bianc, yet this event would have blighted my life still more effectually than the first one, for it would undoubtedly have blown my head off my shoulders, and a man who finds himself in that condition can but acknowledge that his life is in a measure, blighted, and les future piaus and prosat interfered with

oaded, and everybody knows it is loaded. off and kills folks or mains them for life. So the only safe way is to handle them at

will become natural and easy to you, and you may be spared the agony of gnaing upon the mangled form of some friend through whom you have let daylight.

Always keep behind a gun yourself, and ie muzzle away from other people.

Pickaniung Transportation in Georgia. through the fields to join us. The head of the family, a venerable nearro, was mounted on a mule, and safely stowed away behind him in pockets or bugs sttached to the blanket which covered the mule were two little pickaniumes, one on transporting pickanianies." On the next day a mule appeared in column covered

The Drover's Journal repairs.

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### A BOOK WORM'S DEN.

THE QUEER PEOPLE WHO HAVE A MANIA FOR OLD VOLUMES.

How the Habit of Book Buying Grows and is Cultivated by Book Sellers, Hobbies of the Old and Young Werms.

"There goes one of the most confirmed book worms in the city of New York," said a clerk in a big Broadway book store. the other day as an old man with a benevelent looking face and long white hair passed out of the store with two very old and very valuable books under his arm. His face bore a look of contentment and he seemed to be satisfied with himself and all the world. I watched him matil he boarded a Broadway car and sat down to gloat over his latest possessions. The sight was fascinating, and I gazed at the fast disappearing car until the voice of the clerk called me back from a mental vision of old musty shelves filled with older and mustier books, whose bindings time has fringed and scalloped with a gen-

Rather interesting to look at a real book worm, isn't it?" said the clerk.
"You hear people call each other book
worms simply because they are always
reading, but they are not true, musty
smelling book worms. What are theys
What's the maning articles, Well 121 What's the genuine articles Well, I'll teil you. A gennine book worm is a man or woman (which latter is rarely the case) who goes to a book store once or twice a week, without knowing just what he wants. He has no definite idea of buying anything, but before be knows it he has one or two good books. They come to see if anything new has been received; if so, and it is interesting, they buy it, and never object to the price. As a rule they are men past middle age, but there are some young men who are studying for a profession, but they usually buy only those books which treat of the profession they are studying. Then we have some doctors and lawyers who are confirmed book worms. Altozeiher I think there are about 150 book worms in New York, and about elgity of them are regular cus-

A strange fact in connection with book worms, the clerk said, was that they very seldom visited the public libraries. They think that if a book is interesting enough to read it is interesting enough to buy, and buy it they do, even if they have to deny themselves the necessaries of life to raise money enough to get the book.

But are they not great and insuffer-ie bores," I asked the clerk, as I thumbed a disreputable looking copy of an old Latin prayer book that bore the

date 1675. The clerk smiled.

"Bores? I should say 506. I do not think there is a bookseller in this city who would be hard hearted excush to discourage a book worm that pays him a professional visit. In fact, they will professional visit. In fact, they will giadly put up with the 'worm's' quips and fancies in order to have his trade Why, I know a bookseller who refused to sell an old Pible-one that was yellow with age-just because he saw a worm looking at it the day before; and he was The worm bought the Bible and now is a regular customer. It's a piece too, for he spends every cent he can get for books, old books, new books, and books, books, books seem to be the only things he lives for."

While speaking of book worms in gen-eral, an old man entered the store, followed by a younger one. The old man looked musty himself and the cierk

There is one of the antiquarians-a genuine worm. That young man is a worm, too. Now, if we approach him gently, I think the old gentleman will give you some tips. He's one of the most confirmed worms I ever saw, and, al-though he wears shabby clothes, he lives fairly well. He spends fully \$1,000 s year on books, and manages to live on from \$400 to \$500. He's genuine.

The old gentleman was introduced, and talked freely about his hobby, winding up by inviting me to inspect his collection thenly questions, and when he gets started keep quiet and listen to him. He il tell you all he knows."

The old gentleman was Chesterfieldian 1 knights you rend about in the mediavial ages. Uptown in the elevated to thus Hundred and Twenty-lifth street we went, and then to One Hundred and Thirty-second street near Eighth avenue. Here is a little two-tory building, and this was the book worm's home. The old gentleman applogized for his untidy house, and conducted me to his "den," a room in the second story. Books and books and books! Didd ever see so many books ont-side of a book store? What joily inid-night lunches the worms and the mice Thirty-second street near Eighth avenue were I a mouse. The little old man looked as dried up and as musty as his books. was now like the dust that covered the book. The lines were ghastly in their

This is a Bibla Sacra Latina." he said. off was printed in Venice, and is what they usually call Monk Latio. It is very old. The date says it is over 400 years old. The date is 1485. Look inside. It is my prize. You see the initials are drawn by hand in red, black and blue ink, They are bright. They used good ink in H. L. Gonno.

my books!" Tears glistened in the old man's eyes, and I stole away and left him to his memory and his books.-"Mr. K."

tion of America's magazines in Great Britain exceeds that of all the leading home publications of a like character.

Courtship is visible on every hand at Saratoga. Its aspects are various, but "You shen't have it." she said.
"I will." he persisted.

me, and she included the sentence this way: lockets.--Philadelphia Times.

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